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1. SUMMARY: ON MAY 5 THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE CONTINUED DE-
BATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEARD STATEMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING
DELEGATIONS: ARGENTINA, NEW ZEALAND, ECUADOR, JAMAICA,
AUSTRALIA, CHINA, AUSTRIA, UKRAINIAN SSR. AS IN PREVIOUS
DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT, MANY DELEGATES (NOTABLY AUSTRALIA,
JAMAICA, AND CHINA) STRESSED THAT THEY CONSIDERED ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL PROGRESS TO BE VITAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. THE JAMAICAN DELEGATE QUOTED
AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ECLA STATEMENT ON THE UNITY OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND SAID THAT IT ENJOYED THE
FULL SUPPORT OF HER DELEGATION. THE PERMREPS OF NEW
ZEALAND AND AUSTRIA STRONGLY CRITICIZED COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS (HRC) SELECTIVITY IN INVESTIGATING HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS, AND BOTH SUGGESTED WAYS IN WHICH TO STRENGTHEN
UN MACHINERY IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. THE
CHINESE DELEGATE DELIVERED AN UNUSUALLY DETAILED COMMENT
ON HRC RESOLUTIONS ALONG WITH A LENGTHY DIATRIBE AGAINST
ISRAEL AND "SUPERPOWER HEGEMONY" IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
THE UKRAINIAN INTERVENTION WAS LIMITED TO A PREDICTABLE
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CHRONICLING OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ISRAEL,
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CHILE, BUT WE NOTICED THAT THE SOVIET
DELEGATE WAS BUSY DELETING FROM THE UKRAINIAN PREPARED
TEXT WHEN THE US STATEMENT DID NOT MENTION THE SOVIET
UNION BY NAME. END SUMMARY.

2. AS IN PREVIOUS DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT, MANY DELE-

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GATES FOCUSSED ON WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE A VITAL RE-
LATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE JAMAICAN DELEGATE
OPINED THAT IN THE PAST "SOME RIGHTS HAVE RECEIVED
GREATER EMINENCE THAN OTHER EQUALLY IMPORTANT RIGHTS"
AND CALLED FOR A BALANCED APPROACH TO UN CONSIDERATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS. THE DELEGATE QUOTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
ECLA ADDRESS ON THE UNITY OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND GABE IT HER FULL SUPPORT. THE AUSTRALIAN
DELEGATE STRESSED WHAT HE CALLED A "TANDEM" APPROACH TO
UN GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND FROM WANT. HE
OPINED THAT THE UN CAN MAKE NO CHOICE BETWEEN EQUALLY
IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, AND MADE SPECIAL
MENTION OF DRAFT DECISION II (AS CONTAINED IN THE COM-
MISSION REPORT) AND ITS EMPHASIS ON THE "RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT."

3. THE PERMREPS OF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRIA CRITICIZED
HRC SELECTIVITY IN ITS TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS AND CALLED FOR A MORE EVEN-HANDED APPROACH.
THE PREMREP OF NEW ZEALAND SAID THAT REPEATED VIOLATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD DAMAGE PROGRESS IN OTHER
AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN AND WARNED THAT FAILURE
CREDIBILITY OF THE HRC. THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR
CHARACTERIZED THE COMMISSION'S SELECTIVE APPROACH AS
"HIGHLY DETRIMENTAL" AND CALLED FOR MEASURES (SUCH AS
APPOINTMENT OF A HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FULLER IMPLEMENTATION OF 1503) TO STRENGTHEN HUMAN
RIGHTS MACHINERY.

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4. ARGENTINA AND ECUADOR WERE ALSO REPRESENTED BY
THEIR PERMREPS WHO DELIVERED TEMPERATE ADDRESSES IN
WHICH THEY OUTLINED WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THE
POSITIVE STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.
BOTH SUPPORTED THE BALANCED ECONOMIC/POLITICAL APPROACH
TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRITICIZED HRC SELECTIVITY.

5. THE CHINESE DELEGATE DELIVED AN UNUSUALLY DETAILED
COMMENT ON HRC RESOLUTIONS ALONG WITH A LENGTHY DIATRIVE
AGAINST ISRAEL AND "SUPERPOWER HEGEMONY" IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. HE ASSERTED THAT AT THE 33D SESSION OF THE HRC,
ONE SUPERPOWER USED SINISTER TACTICS TO PREVENT CREATION
OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER," AND THAT BOTH POWERS WERE
USING WEALTH EXPOLITED FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO
FINANCE THEIR ARMS RACE.

6. THE UKRAINIAN INTERVENTION WAS LIMITED TO A PRE-
DICTABLE CHRONICLING OF THE BENEFITS OF "SOCIALISM"
AND CRITICISM OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN

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ISRAEL, CHILE, AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE UKRAINIAN DELEGATE WAS APPARENTLY READY WITH A STRONGER STATEMENT BUT TONED IT DOWN BEFORE DELIVERY. WE NOTICED THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATE BUSIED HIMSELF MAKING DELETIONS FROM THE UKRAINIAN PREPARED TEXT WHEN THE US STATEMENT DID NOT MENTION THE SOVIET UNION BY NAME.
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